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Included on the front row of this photograph of the Acteens parade in Fort Worth are Bonnie Williams and Missy Purvis, both of Enterprise Church, Enterprise; Karen McMahon of Calvary Church, Oak Grove; and Leigh Anne Ward of First Church, Clinton. Others among the 50 Mississippians in the parade included Julie Roberts, Ellistown

Church, Blue Springs; Dana Cheek, Calvary Church, Greenwood; Laura Hames, Oakland Church, Oakland; Denise Dungan, Rocky Creek Church, Lucedale; Kelly Robinson, Mt. Moriah, Brookhaven; and Jima Steele, Endville Church, Endville.

Adaton Acteens attend NAC, "have fun"

By Karen Campbell

FORT WORTH, Tx.—When the Acteens group represents more than 13 percent of the church's total Sunday School enrollment, something is happening.

Something is definitely happening at Adaton Baptist Church in Starkville, Miss. "We just have fun!" said 14-year-old Lori Barksdale.

Fun to these girls means they have recently returned from one of the largest gatherings of teenage girls held in the United States. The National Acteens Convention brought 14,000 Acteens and their leaders here.

Bible study, missions and issues conferences, and concerts were featured at the four-day Woman's Missionary Union-sponsored event.

In order to meet travel expenses, the Adaton Baptist group sponsored garage sales, car washes, a Christmas bazaar, a supper, and worked in the homes of church members. Working since July of 1983, the group of 11 Acteens and three chaperones raised almost \$2,800.

With 20 members and an average attendance of 12 Acteens, the girls focus on mission action, said leader Tempe O'Nan. "I've told several people that Acteens is a missions education organization for girls ages 12 through 17 but what I hope the girls gain from it is a chance to share God's love with other people."

Jennifer Mincy also described the organization as fun because "you can learn how to witness to other people through it and tell them what it's like to be with a Christian group of girls."

The Adaton Baptist group joined other Mississippi Acteens for a total of 1,124 representatives at the convention making it the fourth largest state delegation.

(Karen Campbell, a student at Southwestern Seminary, is a summer intern working in communications at Woman's Missionary Union.)

Venezuelans keep advertising ban

VENEZUELA (EP) — The evangelical council of Venezuela is urging the minister of communications to maintain the current prohibition of liquor and cigarette ads on radio and television. In a letter to the minister, the council encouraged the government to remain firm in its decision against such ads despite the pressure to repeal the prohibition.

14,000 Acteens challenged to soar

By Carol Sisson Garrett

FORT WORTH, Tx.—"Come celebrate Jesus" was the invitation sung by popular Christian vocalist Cynthia Clawson to the 14,000 plus teenage girls gathered July 18-21 in Fort Worth, Texas for the National Acteens Convention (NAC).

From the convention's kickoff parade down Main Street Fort Worth to the last session's gala balloon drop, the girls whooped, hollered, sang, and clapped in spontaneous celebration of their love for Jesus, each other, and life itself.

Sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, NAC attracted girls from almost every state and three foreign countries.

Acteens is the WMU missions education organization for girls in grades 7-12 or ages 12 through 17.

The four-day meeting provided a unique opportunity for the teens to experience missions inspiration and growth in personal missions commitment firsthand.

"These Acteens have the potential of leaving here with greater commitment not only to missions, but to a deeper Christian lifestyle," said Marti Solomon, national Acteens consultant for WMU.

Activities included specially de-

signed Bible studies, youth issues conferences, sessions featuring missionary speakers, and mini concerts by Christian musicians.

Events and activities were geared to incorporate the convention theme, "Soaring." Girls were challenged to "soar" in their daily life.

The theme was based on Isaiah 40:31, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." (KJV)

Home missionary Mildred McWhorter drew a standing ovation when she talked as "friend-to-friend" with the 14,000-member audience. McWhorter captured her listeners by paralleling her own teen Christian struggle with theirs.

"I loved him (God), I did trust him. I wanted to be the kind of person he wanted me to be, but I wanted to be me at the same time, and I did not realize that God wanted me to be the kind of person he had made me, and use the kind of personality I had to serve him and to enjoy soaring for him," she said.

Lucy Wagner, missionary to Korea, reminded the teenagers that God's pattern includes "first prep-

aration, then waiting, and then soaring."

Nearly 1,000 girls particularly interested in fulltime missions work attended a reception for career missions volunteers.

Home and foreign missionaries were available to talk with the girls individually, along with Home and Foreign Mission Board personnel, and WMU staff members.

Each day Acteens explored a different question in Bible study. They discussed such questions as "Why God?" "How Does He Help Me Live?" and "Where Do I Go from Here?"

"The Bible study started out with the plan of salvation, where it all began. Then we moved on to the reality of God in your life. It all ties in. With Christ we can soar," said Celia Johnson, missionary to Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Afternoon issues conferences were also high on the NAC agenda. Girls chose from 10 conferences, and discussed such topics as parents, substance abuse, peer pressure, and sexuality.

"We sensed a strong identification with the family. The girls were really interested in how to be a better daughter, a better member of their

family," said Carolyn Weatherford, WMU, SBC executive director.

The issues were chosen by Acteens across the country in state meetings last year.

Sights and Sounds of Missions, a missions carnival-type activity, provided some of the convention's more colorful missions experiences. Sights and Sounds gave the girls hands-on activities to explore Southern Baptist missions.

The most powerful pull for commitment came in a candlelight ceremony that included all 14,000 girls.

Wendell Belew and Marge Caldwell led a program that called the girls to serious introspection of their own commitment to Christ and missions.

More than 800 girls responded with such decisions as professions of faith, commitment to career missions, and rededication.

Belew is HMB Division of Mission Ministries director, and Caldwell is a speaker from Houston.

"It is within our power to blow the candle out, but to retain it is our gain," Belew said, in order to carry Christ's light into the world.

(Mrs. Garrett writes for Woman's Missionary Union.)

Editorials by don mcgregor

Prayer needed, gambling isn't

Legislation on the national level is attracting attention during the rush that immediately precedes the recess for the Republican National Convention. Two bills have passed the House of Representatives concerning prayer in public school, and there is an indication that a Nevada senator will try to get restrictions eliminated on interstate gambling advertisements.

All that was lacking on Monday was the President's signature on legislation that would allow students who wish to meet for religious purposes the same rights as are provided in other voluntary, student-initiated meetings. It has also passed the Senate.

This is the equal access law that has been hoped for some time. Perhaps it will bring some order out of the confusion that has been a part of the scene relating to prayer in public schools. In 1962 and in 1963 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that governmental agencies could not mandate that there be prayer in public schools or prescribe how any such prayers should be structured. The court never did rule that there couldn't be prayer in public schools. It simply said that the government directly or through any of its agents could not dictate the conditions of prayer in any way.

This has been misinterpreted for years with the effect of keeping all attempts at prayer out of the public school. The equal access law will allow student-initiated meetings for prayer and other religious purposes to be held on school property before and after school hours. There are detractors to the issue. Some in the Congress are saying that for the first time in history federal law will license and encourage religious services in public high schools. Other are insisting that this simply places

the government in a position of neutrality.

We should be happy for this bill to be passed. We need to bring some order out of the confusion. And there is no reason why public school students should not be allowed to pray and engage in other religious exercises at school as long as they are not forced to do so and as long as the administration is not telling them how to go about it and what to say.

Another prayer bill doesn't make so much sense. It is one that would protect the rights of public school students to "participate in moments of silent prayer." This has been adopted by the House of Representatives. If it is difficult to imagine what purpose the House supposed it was serving, for there is no power on earth that can keep a student from engaging in silent prayer.

If indeed, however, there should come a time when school authorities would attempt to keep students from praying even silently, then perhaps such a law would be a way of reminding such authorities to stay out of the area of influencing prayer in any way.

The third bill is a dangerous one. Sen. Paul Laxalt of Nevada has an-

nounced his intentions of getting legislation passed that would allow advertising across state lines of gambling activities. This would mean that Nevada casinos could advertise in Mississippi and nothing could be done about it. What would follow shortly after would be a complete takeover by gambling interests.

Time is short on this one because Laxalt evidently intends to take care of his interests before the recess for the Republican Convention. Communication with senators and representatives would be in order immediately.

There are plenty of efforts in Mississippi to bring gambling into the state without having to contend with advertising from outside the state.

Laxalt, by the way, is a former casino owner in Nevada.

DECEPTIVE FLAME



First man-made, open harbor found

CAESAREA (EP)—Recent findings by underwater archaeologists have confirmed that the ruins of an ancient harbor here dates back to 200 BC; the harbor had been believed to

have been built by Herod the Great at the time of Christ. Scraps of pottery found on the nearby beach and in the sea provided the clue for this discovery. This harbor is believed to be the

first man-made, open seaport in the world and took ten years to build. This ancient harbor had been submerged because of a landslide about 300 A.D.

Guest opinion . . .

Mississippi Baptists have drug center

By Jean May

Mississippi Baptists' Chemical Dependency Center, which opened in 1976, is located in the Gilfoy Building of the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson and is a service of the Medical Center.

The modern center is the first and largest hospital-related, private drug rehabilitation and alcohol treatment center in Mississippi.

The CDC's function is to aid the chemically dependent person to return to a responsible position in his family unit and in his community.

When the CDC opened in September, 1976, with 28 beds, it was expected to grow gradually and perhaps double its beds after a year or two of operation. However, after only a few months, a second 28 bed unit was opened. The response from the community was that great. During the first 10 month of operation, the center had 300 admissions—about one half from the Jackson area and the other half from around the state. The center now operates 60 adult beds and 20 adolescent beds for inpatient treatment. The adolescent residential section housed at the Baptist Children's Village has facilities for 22 adolescents.

Chemical dependency is considered to be the number one family disease in the United States today. There are nearly 10 million Americans who are afflicted with the lonely disease of alcoholism. Many millions more suffer from addiction to other mood altering substances or in some instances, both.

The chemically dependent person is unable to handle his feelings and turns to alcohol or drugs to try to suppress them. At the time he comes to a realization of his problems, he looks to those around him for support, guidance, and the comfortable security that someone cares and will help him through this period of being reborn to a better way of living.

The CDC understands these needs and feelings. The skilled staff is dedicated to the rehabilitation programs and services they provide. There is always hope that each patient who enters the center for treatment will once again become a productive member of his family. First, though, that person must go through a process of facing the disease and learning to live with himself and others—without the assistance of alcohol or other artificial means.

Treatment provided at the CDC is available to adults and adolescents with chemical dependency related problems. A patient may enter the CDC upon his own request or that of his physician. He may also be admitted at the request of a family member, judge, employer, or other group such as a church or a social agency. All walks of life are represented, and ages have varied from 12 to 75.

The treatment program at MBMC's CDC consists of three phases—detoxification/orientation, rehabilitation, and aftercare. The length of time the patient will remain in each phase of the program will depend

upon his condition, progress and personal needs.

The program is built around the philosophy of treating the whole person—this concept calls for recognition that the chemically dependent person is not only physically sick but is also ailing psychologically, socially, and spiritually.

Mary Ross, CDC director, says, "Each of us—whether we're chemically dependent or not, is seeking something in life that's been missing—our treatment gives the chemically dependent person a chance to face his basic needs and wants for a full life. When he finally reaches for help, God can show him the way."

"The program demands that the chemically dependent person become reconciled—first to himself and then to God, and then to other people. It's a simple concept but an exciting one."

In the past, and even now in some treatment programs, patients are expected to "make it" in the community with little or no further help—and God help them.

Treatment, for the alcoholic, is only the beginning. What the alcoholic does when he leaves the CDC is what is important. Since an alcoholic can never be cured, recovery from alcoholism is a lifetime process. In order to stay sober and live a happy and contented life, the alcoholic must continue to maintain a conscious contact with God through daily prayer

and meditation.

It is also recognized that alcoholics and drug addicts do not begin behaving like responsible people just because of not drinking or using. They can be "dry" but not sober. A substantial strength of the CDC treatment lies in the inclusion of aftercare services as a strong and necessary part of the total treatment program.

MBMC's CDC provides a program of living and a way of life for the chemically dependent person. It gives the confidence needed to face problems after leaving treatment. The CDC is fully accredited by the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH), demonstrating its dedication to provide the highest level of care to its patients.

The professional staff consists of center director, counselors, center coordinators, a psychologist, physicians, training supervisor, aftercare coordinators, nursing personnel, nursing assistants, and chaplain. Each staff member is responsible for some portion of the patient's recovery. All will assist the patient and family during rehabilitation.

In addition to the traditional adult and adolescent inpatient treatment program, the CDC offers a structured intervention program, an outpatient program, and a family program.

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State Youth Night is tomorrow night

Lopsided vote

House clears equal access for President's signature

By Larry Chesser

WASHINGTON (BP)—Reversing its May 15 vote, the U.S. House of Representatives has passed legislation making it unlawful for public secondary schools to deny students wishing to meet for religious purposes the same rights provided other voluntary, student-initiated groups.

By a lopsided 337-77 vote, House members agreed to equal access language attached in the Senate to a bill authorizing training programs for math and science teachers. Then, on a 393-15 vote, the House accepted the remaining Senate amendments to the math-science bill (H.R. 1310), clearing the measure for President Reagan's signature.

After final passage, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Executive Director James M. Dunn praised the bipartisan leadership which successfully steered the measure through Congress.

Dunn, whose agency joined numerous religious groups supporting the bill, called its passage "a tribute to a large number of individuals and groups who have worked for three years with the conviction secondary school students who wish to gather for religious purposes on school grounds and at their own initiative should not be singled out for discrimination."

In addition to bipartisan congressional support, Dunn lauded a coalition of religious groups pushing the measure including the National Council of Churches, the National Association of Evangelicals, the U.S. Catholic Conference, and the Christian Legal Society.

Both House votes easily surpassed the two-thirds majority requirement under the procedure used to consider the legislation. The same procedure, which provides for one hour of debate and permits no amendments, was tried on a similar equal access measure sponsored by Rep. Don Bonker, D-Wash. The 270-151 vote on May 15 was 11 short of the two-thirds needed for passage.

Changes in the Senate-passed version produced more than enough switches in the House to hand Rep. Carl D. Perkins, D-Ky., Rep. William F. Goodling, R-Pa., and Bonker, primary sponsors of the legislation, an easy victory.

Unlike the original version which provided equal access for voluntary religious meetings during "non-instructional periods" before, after and during the school day, the final version protects such meetings only before and after school. Its language was broadened to bar discrimination on the basis of "religious, political philosophical or other" content of speech at student meetings.

The final version further prohibits discrimination against student groups on the basis of their numerical size and bars "nonschool persons" from directing, conducting, controlling or regularly attending such meetings. The final draft also assures that nothing in the bill "limits the authority of schools to maintain order and discipline on school premises, to protect the well-being of students and faculty and to assure that attendance of students at such meetings is voluntary."

These changes, along with others such as removing a provision which would have cut off federal education dollars from schools denying equal access to students, led groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Education Association, which had earlier opposed the equal access measures, to remain neutral on this vote.

Like the earlier versions, the final bill requires that meetings be voluntary and student initiated and that

school personnel be present only in a non-participatory capacity and that they be prohibited from influencing the form or content of any prayer or religious activity.

Also like the original proposal, the measure passed by Congress protects equal access only when a school has a limited open forum which it defines as "whenever such schools grant an offering or an opportunity for one or more noncurriculum related student groups to meet on school premises during noninstructional time."

Citing court decisions which underscored the right to use public school premises for free speech discussions of such controversial issues as the Vietnam war and gay rights, Perkins insisted: "All this legislation does is to say that students wishing to discuss religious belief among themselves are given the same right. This is no prayer bill."

(Larry Chesser writes for the Baptist Joint Committee.)

House returns to prayer legislation with bill

By Larry Chesser

WASHINGTON (BP)—One day after it cleared "equal access" legislation for President Reagan's signature, the U.S. House of Representatives approved language protecting the rights of "individuals in public schools" to "participate in moments of silent prayer."

By votes of 378-29 and 356-50, the House attached silent prayer language offered by Rep. Steve Gunderson, R-Wis., to a bill authorizing 11 education programs.

Gunderson offered his amendment as a substitute for stronger language pushed by Reps. Dan Coats, R-Ind., and Robert S. Walker, R-Penn., which would have denied federal education funds to states and local school districts which refused to permit vocal prayer in public schools. Before becoming law, the amendment will have to survive a conference with the Senate which did not include any similar provision in its bill, then get Reagan's signature.

The potential impact of the amendment in local schools was disputed by House members in disagreement over whether it permits anything more than what is already allowed under the law. That uncertainty prompted criticism of the House action by a Baptist church-

state specialist.

"The passage of the Gunderson amendment yesterday was unfortunate," declared Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs research assistant Rosemary Brevard. "The day before the House dealt very responsibly with the issue of the place of religion in public schools by passing equal access legislation; now it has confused the whole picture."

Brevard said the Gunderson amendment "may simply restate the law under the in-place Supreme Court decisions: youth may pray silently and personally whenever they want—at meals, during a test, etc. However, the language as passed could authorize teacher-instigated moments of silent prayer—state-sponsored religion which many Baptists oppose."

During debate, Gunderson said he wanted "an organized minute of silence that students could use however they like."

But in explaining Gunderson's intention, an aide told Baptist Press the representative interprets his language to permit a teacher to call for a moment of silent prayer but would not permit school boards or states to structure a regular moment for the ritual.

(Larry Chesser writes for the Baptist Joint Committee.)

Mississippi Baptist Youth Night will be Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson.

Stars of the yearly event will be Baptist young people from across the state. These include winners of keyboard festivals, the speakers' tournaments, and youths who have practiced for a special band choir, handbell group, and drama group.

Susan Banes of Canton, state keyboard trophy winner, will play the piano for the meeting and Rob Robertson, the 1975 keyboard festival winner from Jackson, will be organist. Mary Jan Schaefer of Jackson, the state speakers' tournament winner, will speak during the program. And Tami Pace of Newton and Steven Nettles of Jackson will sing.

Additionally, a youth night band, a handbell group, and a drama group

will perform as will a choir of youths assembled from virtually every county in the state.

The handbell group will be directed by Perry Robinson, minister of music at First Church, Ellisville; the choir, by Richard Joiner, who teaches music at Mississippi College; the band by David Young, band director at Jones Junior College; and the drama group by Johnny Hyde, an employee of Magnolia Speech school.

The principal speaker for the program will be Chuck Kelly, assistant professor of evangelism at New Orleans Seminary. Music leader will be Faye Burgess, a professional musician who is blind. And congregational music will be led by Mike Smith, minister of music at Parkway Church, Jackson.

The program is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Gambling advertising bill to be pushed soon

WASHINGTON (BP)—Sources in the U.S. Senate have confirmed plans by Sen. Paul Laxalt (R-Nev.) to push legislation on gambling advertising through the Senate before lawmakers recess Aug. 10 for the Republican National Convention.

Laxalt, a former casino owner, hopes to get a floor vote soon since "most senators, much less the public, are not aware of what the bill does," explained one legislative aide.

Laxalt's bill, S. 1876, would lift federal restrictions on interstate advertising by casinos and state-operated lotteries. Under its provisions, casinos and lotteries could advertise

even in states where such gambling activities are illegal.

One of the outspoken critics of the bill, Larry Braidfoot of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, believes the legislation, if passed, would "unleash a barrage of pro-gambling advertising into our homes, glorifying every conceivable form of gambling and contributing to a growing national problem."

Braidfoot said it is "imperative" that Southern Baptists and other concerned Christians contact their respective legislators immediately by telephone, telegraph, and letter to voice an opinion on the Laxalt bill.



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Rapid growth of ACTS causes cable TV stir

By Greg Warner

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—Although the ACTS network is less than two months old and hardly a TV powerhouse, its rapid growth is causing a stir in some cable TV circles and drawing criticism from other religious broadcasters.

ACTS, the American Christian Television System, has been in full operation since June 12. Its family and Christian programs already reach more than a million homes through 84 cable TV systems and two lowerpower TV stations.

But ACTS has been criticized by the PTL Network, the country's largest religious TV system, and CBN Cable Network, which formerly held that distinction, for aggressive marketing. "If we weren't making motion, we wouldn't be making waves," ACTS President Jimmy R. Allen said.

All three networks are distributed primarily through local cable TV systems, many of which are required to offer their communities religious programming. Since most cable systems have a limited number of channels available, cable operators often end up choosing either ACTS, PTL, CBN or another service that offers religious programs.

Both PTL and CBN have charged ACTS' consultants or supporters have pressured some cable operators to bump the other networks off cable systems in favor of ACTS.

The Baptist network issued a policy statement in May disavowing pressure tactics. "ACTS' personnel have never to our knowledge and will never use practices which in any way speak against other groups or seek to proselytize members or avenues of distribution," the statement said in part. "Never are cable operators asked to drop or move any particular service. Any ACTS' personnel violating this approach would be dismissed."

According to PTL, however, the statement did not solve the problem. Regardless of policy on the national level, "the distance between the home office and the local boys is a long, long way," said Jack Hightower, PTL marketing director.

Hightower said the pressure is coming primarily from Baptist pastors anxious to get ACTS on their local cable systems. "When these ministers go to a cable system manager with evangelistic fervor instead of a conciliatory spirit, it comes across as hard-sell," he said.

Sometimes the enthusiasm of a Baptist minister looks like "the wrath of God" to a cable manager, Hightower said. Whether they "intimate, suggest, or demand" that ACTS be put on and another service dropped, he said, it is perceived as pressure.

Unlike PTL and CBN, which were started by independent religious broadcasts, ACTS is being developed by a denomination, the Southern Baptist Convention. ACTS' market-

ing strategy draws attention to the strength of Southern Baptists and promises participation by Baptist churches in local program production and promotion.

In order to make room for ACTS in Jackson, Miss., Capitol Cablevision bumped CBN from the system's basic service to its second tier, which costs subscribers more, because, Capitol officials said, ACTS would

"ACTS didn't replace CBN"

Frances Permenter, spokesperson for Capitol Cablevision told the Baptist Record that ACTS was not a replacement for CBN in Jackson. "We did not bump CBN for ACTS," she said. "First we made the decision that ACTS should be on basic because subscriber sentiment told us they wanted more religious programming on basic. Then the decision was what do we move."

Permenter said that an independent survey showed the cable company that CBN was the least watched of those channels it could move off of basic. "We made our decision based on subscriber information we had and we intend to stand by that decision," she said.

Permenter added that although the company has not heard from any people connected with the ACTS community, "we feel the people are pleased."

better serve subscriber needs and interests.

By contrast, United Cable Television in Tyler, Texas, chose to leave CBN on their basic service and put ACTS on the second tier until another basic channel opens up. But in Little Rock, Ark., the city council instructed Storer Communications to replace PTL with ACTS.

Though unconfirmed, similar conflicts are reported in other communities. But no one is ready to call the problem epidemic. "There is a problem, but how widespread it is I don't know," said Gene Linder, executive director of programming and production for American Television and Communication Corporation (ATC), which owns 467 cable TV systems, including the one in Jackson.

Linder said the heavy involvement of local people is both the prime attraction of ACTS and its biggest danger. "Anytime you have a vested interest, there is the potential for pressure," Allen also credited the network's "grass roots structure" with creating some pressure.

"The community involvement factor is the most exciting thing to the cable operators," he said. "But in trying to explain their decision to carry ACTS, it can easily sound like they are responding to pressure."

They may genuinely be trying to give the community a popular and needed service, but it's hard for them to explain that."

Allen said quick acceptance of ACTS by cable TV operators has caused apprehension among other broadcasters.

PTL and CBN agreed there is a need for all the services, but said most of ACTS' gains have been their losses. "In any instance where ACTS has gotten on, it has been at the expense of another religious service," said Tom Rogeberg, CBN vice-president for operations.

Lloyd Hart, national cable affiliate manager for ACTS, said in most cases ACTS has instead found space on new or expanding systems or where adequate space has not necessitated eliminating any services.

"If it comes at the expense of another service, we're not always told that," Hart said. "We don't suggest that be done, so we don't even make an issue of it by asking. In many cases where a cable system already has a religious service and no extra room, we are told we will have to wait as much as a year before another channel is available. And that's fine."

Hart said ACTS informs communities it is available as "an unapologetically religious network." Then, at the invitation of local supporters, one of ACTS' 300 consultants meets with the cable operator to outline the service and demonstrate local support.

"There is no discussion of who's already on the system or who needs to be kicked off," Hart said.

"Pressure is met by resistance, that's human nature," agreed ATC's Linder. It would be unwise for any network to develop an adversary relationship with cable systems, he warned.

All three networks insist they are not in competition with each other, except in the sense that all services compete for limited channel space. Hightower said PTL is the only one of the three that carries religious programs exclusively and the others should not be considered religious services. Both CBN and ACTS mix religious programs with family-oriented entertainment.

CBN (23 million subscribers) no longer promotes itself as a religious service, so PTL (10 million subscribers) is considered the largest religious network. Rogeberg said CBN's size and ad-supported programs means it does not compete with the others. "Our competition is more than the USA Network (superstations) WTBS and WGN than with ACTS," he said.

"But we would rather see PTL and CBN and ACTS all on the same system," Hart said, "because any of them would be better than most other cable services."

(Greg Warner writes for the Radio and Television Commission.)



Schaefer wins

Mary Jan Schaefer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Schaefer, Hinds-Madison Baptist Association, was winner of the State Youth Speakers' Tournament. Jan is a member of Forest Hill Baptist Church and a recent graduate of Byram High School. She is currently working as a senior counselor for the YMCA. Her speech is entitled, "Worry, Can You Stop It?"

Porno theatre sold in Missouri

ST. LOUIS (EP)—Ten charitable and religious groups who had received a movie theatre used for showing pornographic films as a gift of property from a St. Louis man's will have now sold it to a local businessman.

At the time the story was first made public in January, representatives of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Louis, the Missouri Baptist Children's Home, and eight others said they were not aware of their ownership of the theater or the kind of films shown there.

Kindergarten/Day Care clinic set

A Kindergarten/Day Care Clinic is set for Aug. 14 at First Church, Houston for all leaders and teachers in church-related programs across the state.

The program opens at 9 a.m. with a general session led by Wilma Lowe, program coordinator and an approved worker for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department. Registration begins at 8:30 with coffee, doughnuts, and a bookstore exhibit.

Leaders for the special interest sessions, of which there are four, include Gail Merritt, editor of weekday early education materials for the Sunday School Board who will speak to directors/administrators, and on the subject of language arts.

Mary Ann Jacobs, an early childhood education instructor at Hinds Junior College, will speak on "the sounds of music," and math/science.

Shirley Oglesby, director of the preschool department at Parkway Church, Jackson, will speak on infants/toddlers, and curriculum for two and three year olds.

And Kaye Keeton, instructor in early childhood education at Jones Junior College, will speak on "make it/take it," and teaching through learning centers.

To register, write Leon Emery, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205 before Aug. 10, enclosing a fee of \$5 per person to cover lunch and materials.

The program concludes at 3 p.m.

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Baptist volunteers work in Olympics

By Todd Turner

LOS ANGELES (BP)—A list and schedule three feet tall and stretching across three conference room walls details Southern Baptists' plans to witness to an estimated 1.5 million people expected to attend the Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Staff members of Summer Games Ministries, the Southern Baptist effort to provide a Christian witness at the 23rd Olympiad, claim they are well prepared to deal with the multitudes of people converging on the city.

The calendar, covered with dates when volunteer groups will be in Los Angeles to help in Baptist ministries during the olympics, lists task group meetings and schedules of training seminars for hundreds of local volunteers.

Southern Baptists are concentrating most of their efforts on reaching people in Exposition Park, said Elmer Goble, executive director of Summer Games Ministries. The park, he explained, includes the University of Southern California (USC) campus—one of two main Olympic Villages where athletes will reside—and the Coliseum, Sports Arena, and the New Olympic swimming pool where much of the Olympic competition will take place. Goble and two local Baptist Student Union directors were appointed by the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee to serve as chaplains in

the USC Olympic Village.

As many as 500 local and 75 non-local Baptists are expected to participate in personal evangelism in the area. Many of the volunteers will come from Chinese Baptist Fellowship and other bi-lingual Baptist groups.

Southern Baptists will also provide a ministry center for Olympic visitors and athletes across the street from Exposition Park. It will offer a dinner theatre, crisis assistance, and "simply a place to rest" for crowd-weary Olympic visitors, stated Doni Hammonds, a US-2 missionary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and center director.

Baptists also will operate a multi-lingual telephone "help-line" and information center for visitors wishing information on ministry opportunities, entertainment, church services, transportation, and emergency services.

Nine high school groups from around the country will help local churches with ministries such as mini-Olympics for youth, concerts and activities in parks, and Vacation Bible Schools and backyard Bible clubs. Summer Games Ministries also will sponsor tours of Hollywood and Beverly Hills and evening dinner boat cruises along the Los Angeles coastline.

(Todd Turner is a volunteer writing on the Olympics.)



Volunteers build

Popps' Ferry Baptist Chapel, Biloxi, a mission of First Church, Gulfport, is in the process of building its first building. The week of June 18-22, a volunteer construction crew from Corinth Church, Heidelberg, helped erect the 5,900 sq. ft. building. They were followed the next week by a volunteer group from the Simpson County Baptist Association. Then Woolmarket Church, Woolmarket, sent a group of men to put on the roofing during the third week. Volunteer Jim Purvis is pictured handing up a stud.

These groups, who were coordinated through the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, saved the church at least \$15,000. Esco Bond is building committee chairman and Terry Cutrer is pastor.

Music history will be published

A history of Mississippi Baptist Church Music, entitled, "We Shall Come Rejoicing," is being published this fall.

The history is a project of the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and is a part of a celebration of

the 40 years anniversary of the church music program.

Advance orders for the books will save money. Prior to Aug. 15, copies will be \$7. After that date, they will cost \$7.50. Order from the Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205. Dan Hall is director.

Association officers can train

The annual Associational Officers Training Conference will be taking place in four convenient locations during the last half of August.

The training program will include specialized sessions for the following associational officers: directors of missions, moderators, clerks, evangelism directors, pastoral ministry directors, Christian Action Commission chairmen, and annuity service committee members. Also special sessions will be held for officers in the following areas: Sunday School, family ministries, Church Training, Church Music, WMU, church recreation, Brotherhood, missions development, stewardship, and media library.

Scheduling of the meetings this year includes a fourth place, rather than three choices as in years past.

Dates, places and times are as follows: Aug. 18 at First Church, Oxford, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Aug. 20 at Crossgates Church, Brandon, 6-9:30 p.m. Aug. 21 at First Church, Winona, 6-9:30 p.m. And Aug. 25 at

First Church, Columbia, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The office of the program director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, which sponsors this training program, notes that the Saturday morning meetings will be followed by a complimentary meal and evening sessions begin with a meal at 6 p.m. Those attending evening sessions need to make reservations through their director of missions.

Chester Vaughn is program director.

WMU plans training time for leaders and members

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union will be offering training opportunities for local church WMU officers and members in August. This annual training event is an important time for newly-elected church leadership. These training events will take place at Camp Garaywa, Clinton, Aug. 13-15; First Church, Batesville, Aug. 16; Temple Church, Hattiesburg, Aug. 28-29; and First, Natchez, Aug. 30.

The conference schedule with starting and ending times: Aug. 13—Garaywa, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; 7 p.m.-9 p.m.; Aug. 14—Garaywa, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; 7 p.m.-9 p.m.; Aug. 15—Garaywa, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Lunch will be available at Garaywa for \$4.00. This amount also covers insurance.

Aug. 16—First, Batesville, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; 7 p.m.-9 p.m.; Aug. 28—Temple, Hattiesburg, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.; Aug. 29—Temple, Hattiesburg, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; Aug. 30—First, Natchez, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Sack lunches should be taken to the day meetings at Batesville, Hattiesburg, and Natchez. Drinks will be available.

Conferences will be offered for officials of WMU, Baptist Women, and Baptist Young Women, as well as for directors and leaders of Acteens,

Girls in Action, and Mission Friends. Leaders should attend only one session at any of the locations. There will be a Resource Center for home mission and foreign mission book studies for 1984-85. A Baptist Book Store will be available at Camp Garaywa.

Conferences and conference leaders are listed below:

WMU directors — newly elected — Marjean Patterson; WMU directors — one or more years of experience — Jane Burns; enlistment-enlargement directors — Marilyn Hopkins; Baptist Women president/directors/secretaries — Cathleen Parker; how to use Royal Service and Contempo — Ashley McCaleb; BYW presidents / directors / secretaries — Vivian Taylor; WMY/BW/BYW — how to plan mission action projects — Rita Land; BW/BYW — how to plan Weeks of Prayer studies, prayer calendar, prayer group studies — Peggy Davis; Acteens — working with Acteens — Gail Benedict; Acteens basics — Diane Smith; Girls in Action — Barbara Wilkinson; Mission Friends — working with pre schoolers in missions — Patricia Simmons.

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Faces And Places

by anne washburn mcwilliams

Chahta hapia hoke (We are Choctaw)

York, England. Clinton, Mississippi. Tourists had come from far and near to the Choctaw Indian Fair. I could tell by the list of names in the register at the Museum of the Southern Indian. On July 11, I went to the fair for the first time in its 35 years, and have been wondering since why I waited so long to go.

For Mississippi's 5,000 Choctaws, the fair is a funtime summer social gathering and at the same time a way to preserve their tribal heritage and showcase their handicrafts and traditions, in sights and sounds and tastes. Their 18,000 acres of reservation land is scattered over eight counties of east central Mississippi. The fair takes place at tribal headquarters in the Pearl River community (pop. 1,500) on Highway 16, east of Philadelphia. That community is also the site of a hospital, the Choctaw Health Center; the Choctaws' Central High School; and an industrial park (one of the businesses creates Choctaw greeting cards).

Grace Lovelace and I left Clinton in early morning, drove up the Natchez Trace, cut across to Carthage and Highway 16 and drove through the fair's entrance gate shortly before 10 (admission, \$5).

Choctaw women were sitting in open booths near the entrance, their handmade beaded jewelry and double weave cane baskets blending with the bright colors of their long dresses. Grace bought a beaded doll for her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Lovelace.

"Are you the princess?" I asked of the dark-haired beauty strolling along ahead of me. And yes she was. She was wearing a crimson dress, ruffled white apron, beaded necklace and crown, and a collar made of silver beads. Her dress was like those many of the Choctaw women wear daily, clinging to Choctaw styles of 100 years ago and resembling the traditional peasant dress in Brittany. The handmade dresses require up to six yards for the long gathered skirts. Ribbons adorn apron and bodice.

The princess autographed my program. Her name: Lori Denson. She said she is a Baptist, member of the Hopewell Church (one of 12 churches in the New Choctaw Baptist Association). Her home is Standing Pine near Carthage. Last spring she was graduated from high school and she plans to enter Haskell Indian Junior College at Lawrence, Kan.

Lori said she has enjoyed traveling over the United States this year as ambassador for her tribe. She must have been a good one, for she was gracious and friendly. On June 14 and 15 she was on Mississippi's program at the World's Fair in New Orleans.

The tribal princess is chosen every July on the first day of the Choctaw Fair. Judges choose on the basis of interview, written essay, poise and appearance, and personal accomplishment. Lori was to crown her successor (Marion Ben) that evening.

I spotted a television crew inter-



Lori Denson, Choctaw princess, wears the traditional dress of her tribe. She is a Baptist.

viewing the chief, Phillip Martin. Calvin Isaac, a Baptist, who was chief, 1975-79, is now principal of Central High School. According to a paper written by Martin, "95 percent of Choctaw families speak Choctaw in the home. And 53 percent of all families speak no English in the home. This preservation of the language is indicative of the strength of the culture and the extent of its survival."

At the open air amphitheater, a man was chanting to the rhythm of drums. Lori stood in a line of Choctaw men and women, in long dresses or feathered regalia. They joined hands and began to dance in a circle—the friendship dance (one of the social dances) and asked onlookers to join in. Some did. Next they danced a war dance. Kevin Locke, visiting Sioux who performed the intricate hoop dance, explained that Choctaw music expresses the Indian value of living in harmony with nature.

It was noon, and at least 94 degrees. We'd been huffing and puffing up and down the hills and hollows. I know those dancers were hot in their feathered capes and head dresses and fur leggings. Some were even fanning themselves with a handful of feathers.

Noon meant time to eat. I saw Sharon Wertz watching two Choctaws throw more wood on the fire around the black pots (she's on the staff of

Hattiesburg-American and a member of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg) so I ambled over that way. The pots looked like ones Mama boiled clothes in when I was a child. One held simmering hominy and the other hot grease for the fry bread.

Mary Bea Morris of Bogue Chitto, in a red dress similar to that the princess wore, was making dough for the fry bread, using only flour and water. People were buying the sizzling brown bread (looked like doughnuts, but not sweet) as fast as she could fish the pieces out of the pot.

Hominy, she told me, must cook in the pot at least four hours. The corn is beaten in a wooden mortar, called a kiti, for about six hours in preparation for cooking. Mary Bea uses white corn, adds a little meat, perhaps chicken, and no seasoning. I got a bowl of the hominy and a piece of fry bread for \$1.75.

Stickball, second game in the world championship series (Bogue Chitto vs. Lyman Shumakes) was coming up at 4. Grace and I got us a good seat at the top of the grandstand by the Central High football field. Or so we thought. The stage down front (for use in the program that night) blocked our view of the center play, but we could see what went on at each end of the field during the 12-minute quarters, and it was plenty! Players wore red or white T-shirts and cut-off jeans. No safety padding as in football. It must take a brave man indeed to enter that melee!

Stickball is called the granddaddy of American sports. Each player carried two sticks made of hickory, each with a net-like pocket of strings at one end. The ball is to be transferred, caught or thrown, by way of the sticks only. The announcer said, "No one is to hit another with a stick, intentionally. Players must be over 19. No player is allowed to drink alcoholic beverages."

A ball, about the size of the golf ball, is made by wrapping a small wooden block with cloth and thread and then with deerhide strips. Long ago, it is said, goal posts could be a mile apart, and an unlimited number could play on each team. Now only up to 20 players are allowed to each team.

One sign in the Pearl River community exhibit has stuck in my memory. It was an Indian prayer: "Grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I've walked a mile in his moccasins."

Jerry Gray resigns

Jerry Gray, director of missions for Riverside and Tallahatchie Associations, has resigned to re-enter seminary. Gray, who has a master of religious education degree from Southern Seminary, will enter New Orleans Seminary in August to work on a master of divinity degree. Gray will be driving a school bus part time; his wife, Annetta, will work as a kindergarten teacher's aide.



Smoke curls up into the face of a Choctaw chef as he dips up a bowlful of hominy for a visitor to the Indian Fair.

Clarksdale case now believed moot issue

By Tim Nicholas

A case pending in the U.S. Supreme Court that may cost the tax exemption of Clarksdale Baptist School and the church which operates it, is "virtually identical" to a case the high court decided in early July that sided with another church school.

A lawyer in the Mississippi case, Green v. Regan, which is being appealed to the Supreme Court by the church school, said this case looks the same as Allen v. Wright, another case decided last month (Baptist Record, July 19, 1984).

Philip Murren, with Ball and Skelly Attorneys, with offices in Harrisburg, Pa., said that "we think that we (The Mississippi case) are virtually identical to the Wright case and that by all rights the Green case ought to be dismissed."

Clarksdale Baptist School (and all other church schools in the state) is under appeals court orders to submit to investigation by the Internal Revenue Service to ascertain that the school is not discriminatory in its admission practices. Should the school not be able to prove to the IRS that it is not discriminatory, it could lose its tax exemption. The school is a part of Clarksdale Baptist Church and a question would be whether the church would lose exemption, too. The burden of proof is on the schools, despite the fact that the Clarksdale School claims it never discriminated.

"The Allen and Wright case deals very specifically with the technical question of the standing of the plaintiffs to sue," said Donald Dunavant, who has just resigned as the Clarksdale Baptist Church pastor to take an administrative post with

Mid-America Baptist Seminary in Memphis.

Briarcrest Baptist School System of Memphis was cited in a complaint by a group of black parents who challenged the practice of the IRS granting tax exemptions to private schools which are alleged to discriminate on the basis of race.

"The Allen case says there was no harm (to the plaintiffs), therefore they had no standing," said Dunavant.

"We are very hopeful that it will have a positive impact on our case because of the similar issues that are involved," said Dunavant.

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Choirs for World Congress

Editor:
Choir groups or other church musical organizations wishing to sing at the Baptist World Alliance meeting, July 2-6, 1985 in Los Angeles, California, should write to William J. Reynolds, director of music for the Congress, at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Box 22000, Fort Worth, Texas 76122.

Not all groups will be able to sing on the official program, but there will be opportunity in Los Angeles before and after the regular daily meeting. Many choirs from other countries will be present.

Porter Routh, chairman
1985 BWA Program Committee

Retirement package

Editor:
Referring to the article in the July 12 issue about Grady Cothen's retirement package, Dan Martin is right about one thing. We do want to trust the Lord and have the truth. The truth is, his retirement is too much; and there is no way anyone can justify it, whether he/she be trustee or church mouse.

William J. Abel, pastor
Trinity Baptist Church
Biloxi, Ms.

Baptisms in Tanzania

Editor:
The enclosed is an excerpt from a recent letter from Douglas Knapp, missionary in Kyela, Tanzania.

It is possible that Douglas Knapp may personally baptize more people than anybody in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Thanks for looking it over.

Owen Cooper
Yazoo City

South Carolina rebuilds

By Larry Crisman

COLUMBIA, S.C. (BP)—South Carolina Baptists have begun construction of 26 houses in an effort to help families in five South Carolina towns whose homes were destroyed by tornadic-type storms which swept through the state in late March.

Ben J. Connell, director of the South Carolina Baptist Convention's Brotherhood department, said volunteers are building houses in McColl, Bennettsville, Kershaw, Westville, and Winnsboro.

"We are already building 26 houses from scratch," Connell said. "We wanted to make sure the 75 families, whose houses were destroyed in the storm and who needed help in rebuilding, have adequate shelter."

Connell said relief efforts are being coordinated by the Brotherhood and missions departments of the South Carolina Baptist Convention in Columbia.

"We are rebuilding houses where they are needed," Connell said. "We

Greetings from Tanzania!

This week I came across a 1975 file of projections made for the board on our goals for this area up to the year 2000. We set a goal of 200 churches and 25,000 members by that far-off date.

Our growth really began to accelerate in 1980. The number of congregations is up from 92 to 198; annual baptisms from 688 to 5,339; membership from 3,836 to more than 16,000. If we manage to baptize all the people presently in inquirers classes, we will pass 20,000 before our furlough begins next October.

Let me hasten to add that we take no credit for what God has done here. I am a layman with no better than average gifts as a preacher. My administrative talents are modest. Yet I personally baptized more people last year than the 10 most successful Southern Baptist pastors combined. If we can claim any personal merit contributing to the success of the work, it has been the willingness to remain in this remote and impoverished area, with terrible roads, complete isolation, and a dearth of the most basic commodities of life for these 20 years. God has honored His promise, "In due time you shall reap if you faint not!"

Our major concern is discipling all of the 4,000 people who received Christ during the crusade Jan. 20 to Feb. 6. Each Sunday I baptize 50 to 100 or more people.

Right now, the area is experiencing the most serious food shortage we have ever witnessed here.

Please pray that the person God has to come and work with us will hear His call. We desperately need help. We have asked for a minister of religious education to come and take over the training of our pastors and laity.

God bless you.
Douglas Knapp
Baptist Mission of Tanzania

Readers will find a more complete account of the work of Douglas Knapp in Tanzania on Page 1 of last week's issue.—Editor.

also are renovating houses where such work is practical. We plan to help rebuild at least one church building for St. Luke's A.M.E. Zion in Marlboro County, northwest of McColl. We have helped repair two other churches. We plan to continue this activity as long as there are needs."

Other building efforts will continue into next year, he said.

In response to the needs of storm victims, the South Carolina Baptist Convention activated a Disaster Relief Fund in the Baptist Building in Columbia. So far, some \$117,000 has been contributed to the account.

Connell identified the biggest need as manpower. He said anyone wanting to volunteer to help with residential construction should contact him in the Baptist Building in Columbia. The telephone number is (803) 765-0030, ext. 257.

Larry Crisman directs public relations for South Carolina Baptists.)

Baptists rush 5,000 tons of grain to Mali villages

By Mary Jane Welch

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Southern Baptist missionaries are fighting the clock to get 5,000 tons of grain to drought-stricken Mali villages before the rainy season makes roads impassable.

If rains don't come, the food crisis can only worsen for the African nation where last year's rains were 39 percent below normal and crop production was even lower — only eight percent of normal.

Already, some villages in the drier northern regions bordering the Sahara Desert contain only women and children. The men have left with the cattle, seeking their survival. The drought has brought other plagues: meningitis and measles to humans, blister beetles and leafhoppers to plants. The U.N. Children's Fund estimates 100,000 children in Mali will starve to death this year.

Norman and Beverly Coad, who became Southern Baptists' first missionaries to Mali in the fall of 1983, plan to use a network of evangelical groups to distribute grain in some of the country's hardest hit villages. Already crossing the ocean is a shipment of 5,000 tons of surplus U.S. grain, which the Coads plan to distribute to villages which normal government aid programs would not reach.

In the meantime, the Coads have accepted a small loan of grain from the U.S. Ambassador to keep the situation from deteriorating in har-

dest hit areas. They will repay the grain when the 5,000-ton shipment arrives.

Using surplus grain will enable the Foreign Mission Board to distribute about five times as much as it could if it had to purchase grain, said John Cheyne, the Foreign Mission Board's senior human needs consultant. The Mali mission will use more than \$170,000 of Southern Baptist hunger relief funds to provide local storage and transportation for the grain after it arrives in Mali. Ten percent of the shipment will be packaged into 22,000 bags weighing about 45 pounds each.

A group of interested Baptists in the Washington, D.C., area secured the government grain for the Foreign

Mission Board.

John Mills, the Foreign Mission Board's director for West Africa, said outbreaks of kwashiorkor, a protein-deficiency disease, already have been reported in Mali. "The government has great concern because that is the first step that comes before starvation really starts wiping people out," he said. "You've not seen yet the devastation that is expected."

The worst part of the food crisis for Mali will come in August, September and October, the last months before harvest when food supplies are lowest, he said.

(Mary Jane Welch writes for the Foreign Mission Board.)

Rankin County Baptist is organist for the Olympics

A Mississippi Baptist, a member of Pinlake Church in Rankin County, is involved in the Olympics in Los Angeles, but not in a competitive way. Larry Bright, a resident of the Fannin community, is playing the organ for the events related to competition involving horses.

Bright, a native of Tylertown, is involved as an organist in about 20 horse shows each year. He is a horse fancier himself and actually got involved in the musical part of the business while he was showing horses.


He has two horses on several acres where he lives near Fannin.

His horse show dates take him to about 25 states per year, he said. He has been furnishing the music for these shows for about 20 years. He is 41 now.



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9:00	Insight	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	
9:30	This Is The Life						
10:00	Journeys In Christian Growth	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	
10:30	Bobby Jones	Gigglesmort Hotel	Gigglesmort Hotel	Gigglesmort Hotel	Gigglesmort Hotel	Gigglesmort Hotel	
11:00	Prime Timers	Prime Timers	David Wade	Super Handyman	Plant Groom	Human Dimension	Sunshine Factory
11:30	Athletes	Praise Song	Insight	At Home W/Bible	Down Home USA	This Is The Life	
12:00	Great Churches	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	
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9:30	Our World	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Lifestyle	Our World
10:00	Down Home USA						Insight
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Names in the News

Elwyn Wilkinson, pastor, Perkinson Church, Gulf Coast, suffered a broken leg in an overnight camping trip with the church youth.

James I. Rankin, father of Jerry A. Rankin, missionary living in Bangkok, Thailand, died July 11 in Tupelo, Miss. Missionary Rankin is associate to director for South Asia (address: Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand), a native of Mississippi, he was born in Tupelo and grew up in Clinton. His wife, the former Bobbie Simmons, was born in Mobile, Ala., and grew up in Lincoln County, Miss. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1970.



JERRY W. STEVENS, director of missions, Winston Association, and Mrs. Stevens were honored with an open house on their 25th wedding anniversary. The celebration was given by their daughters, Sheri and Traci, and the Winston County Baptist Association on July 15 from two until four p.m. at the Baptist Center in Louisville.

Mrs. J. W. (Ruby Roper) Nobles, 90, of 400 W. Madison St., Clinton, died July 21 in Care Inn Nursing Home, Clinton. Services were 2 p.m. July 23 at Wright & Ferguson Funeral Home with burial at 4 p.m. in Magnolia Cemetery at Meridian.

She was the widow of J. S. Nobles Sr., who had been a pharmacist at Standard Drug in Meridian. She had been a member of the First Baptist Church, Clinton, since 1972 and had held prior membership at Highland Baptist Church in Meridian for more than 50 years. She was a graduate of Hillman College in Clinton.

She was preceded in death by a son, J. S. Nobles Jr., and a granddaughter.

She is survived by her son, Lewis Nobles, president of Mississippi College; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.



RONNIE O'QUINN, left, was recently licensed to the gospel ministry by Grace Church, Vicksburg. H. Bryan Abel is pastor of Grace Church.

Homecomings

Russell Church: homecoming; Aug. 5; Fred Donovan, former pastor, to preach at the morning service; Barbara Mathis and Mary Evelyn Thompson, former members at Russell, to provide special music; Bruce Bishop, choir director; covered dish lunch in fellowship hall; afternoon session to include testimony and solo by Mrs. Connie Bennett, talk on mission offerings and the budget by Hazel and Clarence Hicks; impersonation of charter members of 1902 by the young people's class and of the church's ministers by the adult men; Raymond Massey, homecoming chairman; Milton Burns, pastor.

Cornersville Church (Union County): Aug. 5; service begins at 10:30; former pastor, William Gullick, preaching; dinner on the grounds; Fredonia choir to present special music in afternoon; Gary Crowell, pastor.

First Church, Yazoo City: Aug. 5; "Homecoming '84"; 11 a.m. worship service to include special music by the Sanctuary Choir and the instrumental ensemble, recognitions including honoring one who has made a significant contribution to the life and ministry of First Baptist Church, and the morning message by James E. Young, Southern Baptist missionary to Bangladesh; old-fashioned "dinner on the ground" served on the

church lawn; 7 p.m. concert of gospel and sacred music by Yazoo City-based music evangelist, Mrs. Kathryn Barfield; James F. Yates, pastor.

Short Creek (Yazoo): homecoming, Aug. 5; lunch at the church; first day of revival services Aug. 5 to 8; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; weekday services 7:30 p.m.; R. A. Coulter of Prentiss, evangelist; R. B. McNeer, pastor.

Rock Bluff (Rankin): Rt. 4, Morton, Aug. 5; Sunday morning service at 10:45 a.m.; lunch at the church; afternoon singing; morning speaker, Tommy Miles, pastor; revival services begin Monday evening; services each evening at 7:30; T. W. Henderson, pastor, Sardis Church, evangelist.

Green Valley constitutes

Green Valley Baptist Mission, Pontotoc County, will be constituted as Green Valley Baptist Church on Aug. 5 at 6 p.m. at the intersection of Highway 9 and Old Airport Road.

First Church, Pontotoc, Julian Fagan, pastor, has been the sponsoring church. Green Valley is making plans to build a new facility.

Mississippian wins in Europe

Amy Ishee, age 10, formerly of Jasper County, Miss., now of Schweinfurt, Germany, was named winner in the Bible Drill held during the meeting of the European Baptist Convention (English-language) at Interlaken, Switzerland, this summer.



Ishee

Amy is the daughter of Major and Mrs. George E. Ishee. Her father is a native of Laurel and her mother a native of Moss. Amy and her brother, Todd, made public professions of faith, at a Baptist church in Cairo, Egypt, while their father was stationed in that city. They were baptized in August, 1983, at First Church, Moss, while in the U.S. on vacation.

The Ishees have been active in Baptist work at all military posts where he has been stationed — in Alabama, Texas, Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, Missouri, Egypt, and Germany.

Southside will celebrate 45th

The 45th Anniversary will be celebrated at Southside Church, Jackson, on Aug. 5. Guest speaker for the morning service will be former pastor S. W. Valentine. Donald Bozeman is pastor.

Services for the day will include Bible Study at 9:45, morning worship at 10:45 with special recognitions of former members, dinner on the grounds, and, after lunch, a gospel sing worship service led by McDowell Road Church Quartet.

In 1939 Mr. and Mrs. Percy M. Cooper began a mission work on May 17 at 738 South President Street, Jackson. After tent revival services, the Southside congregation organized as a church on Aug. 7, 1939. Cooper was called as pastor.

The church met in the Hinds County Courthouse until September 3 when an old residence at 666 South Congress was purchased. They voted to build a new auditorium in 1941.

In 1947, S. W. Valentine began his ministry as pastor of the church.

When the property surrounding the church was zoned for commercial use, a decline in dwellings became evident as houses were replaced with businesses. In early 1961, the church purchased fifteen acres on Raymond Road. The congregation moved in a caravan from 666 South Congress Street to 800 Raymond Road on October 7, 1962, to begin work in a new field.

On Oct. 13, 1974, Valentine resigned after serving 27 1/2 years as pastor.

August 1, 1975, Fred D. Fowler began his pastorate. In 1976, the church voted to build a Family Life Center and a new auditorium.

Donald Bozeman began his pasto-

Colonial Heights will present Continental Singers

The "Continental Singers and Orchestra" (24 vocalists and an 11-piece orchestra) will perform a live concert of contemporary Christian music on Tuesday, Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. at Colonial Heights Church, Jackson.

This year's concert theme and newest album is "Come Love the Lord."

Gerald Harris is Colonial Heights pastor. Don Bennett is minister of music.

A wise man knows everything; a shrewd one, everybody. — Anonymous

Pattie Dent goes on mission to Singapore

Mrs. Pattie Dent of Holly Springs left Mississippi July 22, to visit her three sons—and in that process will fly around the world. Mrs. Dent in March completed five years as state WMU president and was succeeded by Mrs. James Fancher.

Her first stop was to be in Johannesburg, where she would be met by her son, Terry, who is a missionary journeyman in South Africa. From there she will continue to Singapore, where her son, Don, and his wife, Ann, are career missionaries. She expects to remain in Singapore until December on a volunteer mission assignment. She will be helping to catalogue books in the library of the Baptist seminary there.

In December, she plans to fly to San Francisco to attend commencement exercises at Golden Gate Seminary, where her son, Bob, will be graduating.

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Revivals

Faith Church, Silver Creek: Aug. 5-8; Jack Turner, preaching; Ralph Cranford, pastor; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., with noon meal at the church, evenings at 7:30.

Beulah, Lexington (Holmes): Aug. 8-10; Carlton McNeer, pastor of Newvine Church, Braxton, evangelist; theme, "Revival in our Time"; at 7 each evening; youth fellowship before the worship service on Thursday, Aug. 9; Jerry Bowman, pastor.

Bala Chitto, Magnolia (Pike): Aug. 5-8; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; during week at 7:30 p.m.; Rick Green, home missionary, Port Charlotte, Fla., evangelist; Mike Thompson, music director; dedication and note burning to be held Sunday for a new education building, and dinner to be served on the grounds.

First Church, Louise: Aug. 5-10; Don Cooper, Calvary Church, Scottsboro, Ala., evangelist; Steve Norville, First Church, Rolling Fork music minister, leading the music; Sun. at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.

Montgomery (Lincoln): Aug. 5-10; Steve Echols, pastor of First Church, Kentwood, La., evangelist; Randy Carruth, interim music director at Moak's Creek, leading the music; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., with dinner on the grounds; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.

County Line near Mendenhall: Aug. 5-9; Tony Lambert, evangelist; Rell Webber, leading the music; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs. at 7:30 p.m.; Mark Dearman, pastor.

Jayess (Lawrence): Aug. 5-10; Sunday morning at 11, followed by lunch at the church and an afternoon service to include singing, testimonies, and a brief devotional time; during week at 7:30 p.m.; Howard Aultman of Columbia, evangelist; David and Mona De-weese of North Columbia Church, guest music leaders.

Hebron (Yazoo): Aug. 5-10; Sun. at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., with dinner on the grounds; Mon.-Fri. at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Paul D. Johnson, pastor, Immanuel, Vicksburg, evangelist; Brown Sullivan of Hebron, music director; Bill Hutto, pastor.

Short Creek (Yazoo): Aug. 5-8; homecoming on Sunday, with 11 a.m. service and lunch on the grounds; Aug. 6, 7, 8 at 7:30 p.m.; R. A. Coulter of Prentiss, evangelist; R. B. McNeer, pastor.

Hebron (Jones): Aug. 5-9; Dwight Smith, pastor, West Ellisville, preaching; Al Yancey, minister of music, Bethlehem (Jones), leading the music; regular services Sun.; at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. during week; Wade Rogers, pastor.

Scotland Church, Winona: Aug. 5-10; Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. 7:30 p.m.; Noel Brock, evangelist, Eastwood, Indianola; J. B. Rowe, music, Tomnolen Church, Tomnolen; Sonny Redwine, pastor.

New Hope (Lafayette): Aug. 5-10; Doug Joslin, Sardis, evangelist; services each evening at 7:30; regular Sunday services; Millard L. Swinney, interim pastor.

Corinth Church (Jasper) revival with "Youth Emphasis"; Aug. 3, 4, and 5; featuring "The Rosetones" from Pascagoula, who will be preaching as well as singing; 7 p.m. on Aug. 3 and 4; at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 5; Edd Holloman, pastor.

Goodwater (Lauderdale): Aug. 5-10; at 7:30 nightly; Curtis Dyer, pastor of Pine Grove, Collinsville, preaching; Tommy Harrison, leading the music; John C. Purvis, pastor.

County Line Church, Crystal Springs: Wed.-Sun., Aug. 1-5; at 7 p.m. meetings conclude on Aug. 5 with 11 a.m. service, after which there will be a covered-dish lunch; Bob Hanvey, pastor of First Church, Hazlehurst, bringing the messages; Bennie McBride, leading music; Bob Mack, pastor.

Cary Church, Cary: Aug. 5-10; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; A. R. Garrison, pastor; Jim Eidson, Walthall, leading the music; Charles Ellis, Hamilton, Ala., evangelist. (A change in evangelists has been made since a previous announcement in the Baptist Record.)

Friendship East Church (Tallahatchie): Aug. 5-9; revival; beginning Sunday night at 7:30; Jimmy McGee, pastor of First Church, Grenada, to bring the messages; music director, Bobby Savage; J. G. (Buster) Thomas, pastor.

Roxie: Aug. 5-10; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; evangelist, Neal Raborn, pastor, First, Eunice, La.; music evangelist, Raymond Ball, minister of music and outreach at Woodville Heights, Jackson; pastor, Joseph B. Knight.

Springfield, Adams: Aug. 5-10; Sunday at 11 and 7 p.m.; weekly at 7:30 p.m.; evangelist, Allen Johnson of Baker, La.; music evangelist, Buddy Givens; Barry Wilkinson, pastor.

Fairview, Itawamba: Aug. 5-10; Memorial day is Sunday morning; nightly services at 7; evangelist, James McCullough, pastor of Barnesville Church, Hamilton, Ala.; Gene O'Brian, pastor.

Concord (Yazoo): Aug. 5-10; homecoming, Sunday, 11 a.m.; dinner on ground; afternoon service; Mon.-Fri. services at 7:30 p.m.; Tim Patrick, Oloh Church, Sumrall, evangelist; B. B. Neely, music; Tommy Bufkin, pastor.

Longview (Oktibbeha): Aug. 5-10; Sunday morning service at 11; lunch in fellowship hall; Sunday evening through Friday evening services at 7:30; hamburger supper for young people Friday; Bryant Benton, pastor First Church, Steens, evangelist; J. C. Gore, Plymouth Church, Columbus, music director; James R. Hutcherson, pastor.

Calvary Church, Hattiesburg, Oak Grove Community (Lamar): Aug. 5-10; Sunday service 11 a.m. with dinner at the church and evening service at 7; weekday at 7:30 p.m.; Wayne Vines, evangelist, Cason Church, Nettleton; Don Odom, First Church, Sumrall, music evangelist; Ricky Johnston, pastor.

Pleasant Hill Church, Quitman: Aug. 5-10; evangelist, Joe Anderson, McAdams Church, Attala County; music evangelist, Marion Felton, Newton County; services each evening at 7:30; Jerry Bishop, pastor.

Grace Chapel Church, Brooklyn, (Lebanon): Aug. 5-10; evangelist, Cliff Padgett; music under direction of the pastor, Randy Daniels; Sunday worship at 11 a.m. plus dinner - on - the - ground and afternoon service at 2; no Sunday night service; services each evening at 7.

Midway (Calhoun): Aug. 5-10; at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Aug. 5; 7:30 p.m. Aug. 6-10; Ira Alley, evangelist; Jim Keyser, music director. Buddy Trull, pastor.

Mt. Horeb Church, Meridian: Aug. 5-10; services at 7 each night; Mike Burczynski of Tate Street, Corinth, guest speaker; leading the singing, Tom Smith; pastor, Jerry Sanford.

Holly Springs (Lincoln): Aug. 5-10; Sun. at 11 a.m. and each night at 7; Edgar Wright, guest speaker; Denise Windom, song leader; Glenn McInnis, pastor.

Faith (Lawrence): Aug. 5-8; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. with dinner on the ground; nightly at 7:30; Jack Turner, evangelist; Lavon Sills, music evangelist; Ralph Cranford, pastor.

Union (Covington): Aug. 5-10; Sun. at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; Bob Sanderson, evangelist; Tim Sanderson, music director; Bill Mitchell, pastor.

Glading (Amite): Aug. 3-5; Robert Fullerton, North McComb Church, Pike County, speaker; Fri. and Sat. nights at 7:30; regular services Sunday and dinner on the ground; Charles Kirkfield, pastor.

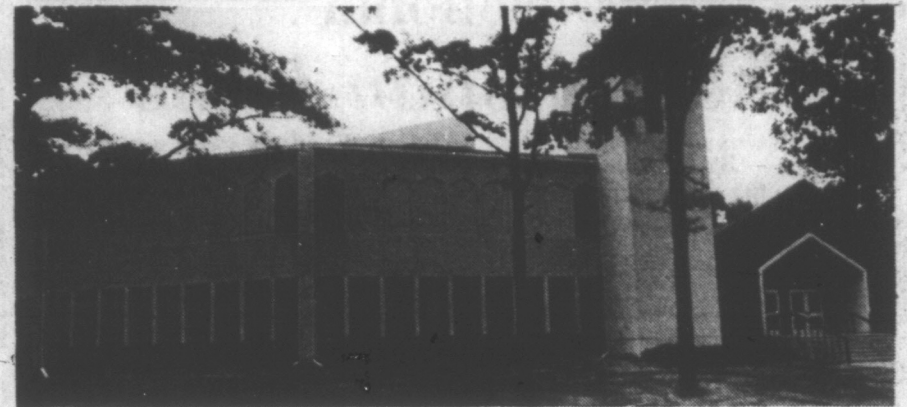
Fairhaven, Olive Branch: Aug. 5-10; Joel Haire, evangelist; Clint Nichols, music evangelist; services 7:30 p.m.; Carl Hayes, pastor.

Lone Star (Covington): Aug. 5-10; Monday through Friday services 7:30 p.m.; Mack Walker, pastor, Sycamore Church, Ferriday, La., evangelist; Richard Thames, Collings Church, music director; Fred Morris, pastor.

Filipinos organize on Gulf Coast

The Filipino Bible study group meeting in Gulf Coast Baptist Association voted on June 9 to become the New Testament Baptist Mission. Pedro Aquino is leader of the group.

The members have elected officers and are organizing as a mission of the Bel-Aire Baptist Church.



First, Ridgeland plans 'miracle day'

First Church, Ridgeland, is celebrating "Miracle Day" August 5, by moving into its new sanctuary. The new sanctuary has a seating capacity of 1,000 and includes a new office complex. The church has a goal of 500 in Sunday School and the pastor, Ed Griffin, will be conducting an open Sunday School class in the new sanctuary for all visitors.

Griffin will be preaching at the 11 a.m. worship service on "What Mean These Stones?" Joshua 4, and music will be led by Ernie Albritton, music director. Alvin Doyle is minister of education and youth. Following the morning worship service, lunch will be served followed by an afternoon of entertainment. Music will be provided by Dr. and Mrs. Eddie Smith from Copiah-Lincoln Jr. College, who will provide organ and piano duets. Also present will be the "Bells of Faith" handbell choir.



Pictured are (front row) Rebecca McFadden; Kim Upton; Amy Washburn; Angie Chrestman; (middle row) Austin Haley; Terry Hight; Lisa Haydock; Elizabeth McFadden; Rich Malone, minister of youth and evangelism; (back row) Lee Lemmons; and Chuck Long. Not pictured are Susan Payne (member at Parkway Church, Jackson) and Lisia Pegues (student at Southwestern Seminary).

Youths reach out to Ohio

Thirteen young people from Calvary Church, Tupelo, had the privilege of going to Dover, Ohio, to work in outreach through Community Baptist Chapel and with Home Missionary Terrell Moore, pastor.

The group was sponsored by the Washburn-Thomas Memorial Fund at Calvary which underwrites summer mission activities for college and high school students.

While in Ohio, they held eight backyard Bible Clubs and three revival services as well as Sunday services at Community Baptist Chapel in Dover and its mission church at Uhricksville.

Throughout the week, there were 169 children enrolled in Bible Clubs and of this number 31 acknowledged that they had accepted Christ as personal Savior.

Jackson County VBS ministers to internationals

Jackson County Association's international Vacation Bible School this year ministered to a large group of Vietnamese children and adults. Toshiko Pigford directed the school.

The VBS was held at Arlington Heights Church, Pascagoula. The Senior Service Corps assisted in providing transportation for the 25 plus who were enrolled in the school.

A mission group from First Church, Alachua, Fla., led a Vacation Bible School at the First Indian Church, Jackson Association, in June and also assisted in the Seamen's Ministry.

A group of young people and adults from Ecru Church, Pontotoc County, recently assisted Southside and Woodhaven churches, Jackson County, in VBS and community survey.

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Devotional The Christian home

By Hueston Adkins, pastor, First, Mendenhall

Where is the Christian home? Is it extinct, or is it functional in today's society? The late J. Edgar Hoover said, "The home is the citadel of American life. If the home is lost, all is lost." Yet, over 30 years ago Eric Blair—a British author better known by his pen name, George Orwell—wrote a book which has come to be known by its code name—1984. The book contains over 137 predictions of which more than 100 have come to pass. Out of his forecasts he predicts the breakup of the family and the dissolution of emotional ties between men and women and their children.



Adkins

As I review the status of the home, I find some symptoms which indicate that the home is in trouble. These symptoms are: more than one million marriages end in divorce every year, affecting more than one million children as well as their parents; one-parent families are growing about 20 times faster than two-parent families; more than one million teenagers are pregnant (outside of marriage) each year; more than 50 percent of homes do not experience happiness.

However, it is the conviction of this writer that God has a special purpose for the home that is valuable to all people for all time. Allow me to share with you the "how" and "why" of the Christian home.

In the beginning of creation, God longed for fellowship with another of like kind. In order to complete this desire he created man, "... in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (Gen. 1:27). God said, "Therefore a man leaves his father and mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). In the Garden of Eden, out of divine wisdom, God designed and instituted the home. As started in the Bible, "And God blessed them, God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth ...'" (Gen. 1:28).

It is the belief of the writer that God reveals through his blessings and commands to man and woman in marriage the purpose of the home—to become partners with him to fill the earth with godly people. God's desire was that all the earth be inhabited by men, women, boys and girls who know him. "And no longer shall each man teach his neighbor and his brother, saying, 'know the Lord,' for they shall all know me from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord" (Jer. 31:34).

Before government, the home was! Before schools and colleges, seminaries, and universities, the home was! Before churches, the home was!

The Christian home is the foundation upon which a strong people or nation is built. In the four remaining weeks of this month I will use this space to share how your Christian home can be strengthened or your home can become a Christian home. I pray that God will bless you with a Christian home.

Staff Changes

Southside Church, Aberdeen (Monroe) has called Gerald L. Hodges as pastor. Southside welcomed its new pastor, his wife Martha and sons, Scott and Steve with a reception on June 24. He moved to Southside from Mt. Vernon, Newton.

East Philadelphia Church in Philadelphia has called Steve Turner as music and youth director. He had been serving there as interim music director.

Pearlington Church, Gulf Coast, has called Keith Boutwell as minister of music and youth. He is a student at New Orleans Seminary.

Rick Breland has resigned as youth director of Sharon Church, Gulf Coast.

Shoreline Park, Gulf Coast, has called two new staff members—Judy Shubert as minister of music and Mary O'Neal as church secretary.

Friendship East Church, Tallahatchie Association, has called Larry Collins of Grenada as summer youth director. Collins is a member of Hebron Church, Grenada, and is a student at Grenada High School.

Bobby Waggoner has accepted a call to become pastor at Calvary Church, Columbia. He was formerly pastor at Trinity Church, Carthage.

Waggoner is a native of Morton. He is a graduate of Clarke College, William Carey College, and New Orleans Seminary. Calvary has been seeking a pastor since last November, when former pastor, Ken Jordan, left to assume a position as Family Ministry Consultant with the Baptist Sunday School Board. Clifford Smyly has been serving as interim pastor.

First, Jackson will offer aerobics workshop

An aerobics instructor workshop will be held at First Church, Jackson, Aug. 17 and 18, beginning at 1 p.m. Jamie Warren, teacher and choreographer for aerobirhythms, will lead the workshop.

Jim Baker, minister of activities at First Church, explains that aerobirhythms is an aerobic exercise program which makes vigorous rhythmic exercises enjoyable by choreographing them to contemporary Christian music. The workshop, he said, is designed to develop leaders for church fitness programs that teach Christians to glorify God in their bodies.

Those interested in attending should contact Jim Baker, First Baptist Church, Box 1158, Jackson, MS 39205 (phone 601-355-2911).



Church chartered

Charter Day for Faith Church of Hickory Flat was April 1. Participating in the constituting service were Eddie Thompson, music director of Hillcrest Church, New Albany; B. W. Bridges of Falkner, acting pastor of Faith Church; Phillip Bray, associational moderator for Benton County; Harry Phillips, director of missions, Benton-Tippah Association; and Hollis Bryant, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Pictured are (left to right) Alton Yarbrough, B. W. Bridges, and Hollis Bryant.

Chesterville is building

Chesterville Church, Tupelo, broke ground June 17 for a new two-story education building. It will contain five classrooms and provide for an enlarged fellowship hall.

The members of the church are financing the building themselves and will build on a pay-as-they-go basis. On June 3, Sacrifice Sunday, an offering of \$6,000 was received.

There have been donations of material such as wiring, lighting fixtures, and other supplies.

Chesterville is located five miles west of Tupelo. Gregg Thomas is pastor.

Magee, Corinth win 1st place in softball

Simpson Association softball league has completed its fourth year of play. Trophies were presented at the association executive committee meeting July 9.

First place trophies for the Men's League went to Magee White team, Bobby Prince, manager. Second place went to Magee Gold team, Gilbert Fulghum, manager. The men's sportsmanship trophy was presented to Kennedy Springs, Kenny Lofton, manager.

In the ladies division, Corinth won first place, Charlie McGuire, manager; second place Dry Creek, Cindy Thompson, serving as manager after the death of her father, L. T. Thompson.

Goodwater Ladies, Dan Ainsworth, manager, were awarded the Sportsmanship trophy for the ladies. The committee for coordinating the softball league this year included Mark Turner, chairman, Joe Thompson, Glen Yates, Charles Guy, Travis Rushing, and Larry Warren.

Let everyone sweep in front of his own door, and the whole world will be clean.—Goethe

Book Reviews

MAMA JENKINS' BIBLE STORIES, Vol. One, How the World Began (Stories from Genesis) by Ina Hayes Jenkins. Privately printed, 47 pp. Mrs. Jenkins, who lives at 3800 Barberry Drive, Apt. F-3, in Laurel, is the widow of a pastor, David Jenkins, and was formerly staff writer for a newspaper. This is one of four books she has written in recent years. It is dedicated to her great-grandchildren, one of whom had asked her, "Mama, when are you going to write me a book?"

The simple, vivid language uses terminology young children will understand. Mrs. Jenkins in retelling the Bible stories relates them to people and places of the present, to people and places and events and church activities that children will know about and understand. In the introduction, she recalls how much she enjoyed her own mother reading to her when she was a little girl, from "a wonderful Bible story book called Aunt Charlotte's Bible Stories." Hence, she wants to leave a legacy similar to one left to her, and she expects to add further volumes later. Some chapter titles here are How the World Began, Making the World Beautiful, Why Is Sunday Special? Man Disobeys God, The Flood, Moving to a Far Country, Abraham Passed the Test, Which Twin Got the Blessing?, God Meant It for Good. Also she includes a section on "Verses to Learn."

Mrs. Jenkins gives her books away. "I just want to get the message out," she said. A printer friend, a neighbor, other friends, and family members, help her to print and bind the books. Books have gone to congregations where her late husband was pastor, in Mississippi, North Carolina, and Georgia—and to many other places where they were requested. "I want to witness and to teach, to leave a part of myself, to do what I can while I am on this earth," the author said.—AWM

WALKING WITH GOD, Poems of Inspiration, by Ina Hayes Jenkins of Laurel. Privately printed, paperback, 98 pp. This is Mrs. Jenkins' second book of poetry. The first was "Special Poems for Special Days." This one is dedicated to her late husband, David Jenkins, "who enjoyed walking with God for more than 58 years." Her book, *He Touched Me*, is a biography of him.

These poems are divided into seven categories, denoting the different areas of the Christian's walk, from the conversion experience until old age.

Many of the poems would be excellent for use in church programs, read aloud or printed in church bulletins, for special events. For instance, dedication of a pastorium—"The Pastor's Home"; dedication of a building—"The Church that Christ Built"; or VBS time—"Appreciation to Bible School Workers." Among others in appreciation are "Dear Teacher" and "Ode to a Secretary." Also the poems are thought provoking and suitable for devotional reading. "Yes or No—Can You Say Both?" is especially good, as well as "Be a Paul to Timothy." One of the best in imagery is "Watch for De-tours."

The Preface was written by Buster

Wilson, pastor of Community Baptist Church, Laurel. Wilson is teacher of a weekly Bible study held in Mrs. Jenkins' apartment for neighbors in her apartment complex. Of the poems, Wilson said, "These are no over night rhymes. What has captured my attention most is the depth of experience and doctrine embodied within these pages. These lines were written by one who's been there. I know, for I've been to some of the places addressed by these poems; and there are others here that I know that given God's grace, I've yet to but some day will attend."

Mrs. Jenkins, a former staff writer for a newspaper, gives her books away as long as the supply lasts. Her address is 3800 Barberry Drive, Apt. F-3, Laurel.

THE CROSS AND BEYOND; by Roy E. De Brand; Broadman Press, 1983; 112 pages; paperback, \$4.95.

This book is a collection of 18 sermons which the author preached in his own church, the First Baptist Church of Americus, Georgia.

The first four sermons are based on different reactions to the death of Christ. Some were at the cross in self-righteousness. Others were there in behalf. Some came in secret. Others were driven by faith to Christ.

Seven sermons are based on the seven last words of Christ. There are five messages which are based on reactions to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and the impact which Christ's resurrection has had upon the world. The last two sermons are taken from events after the resurrection and include the Great Commission.

These sermons are brief and simple. The layman or the pastor will enjoy reading them.

Reviewed by Alan Day, pastor, First Church, McComb.

Pray for MKs

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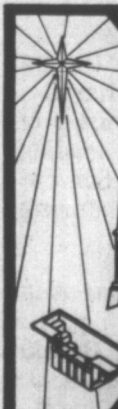
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Many Village youngsters are concluding a delightful 15-day holiday visit into private homes—some with natural families—some with Village friends. We thank all of you for assisting again this year with an important part of our program of care.

On Saturday, Aug. 11, at 9:30 a.m., former residents and staff members will be convening on The India Nunnery Campus near Jackson, for the reunion of the Village Alumni Association. If you know Village Alumni, urge them to join their old friends on Aug. 11 for food, fun, and fellowship.

Very soon, Village young people from each of our six locations will be preparing for a return to school. They will be joined by dozens of new admissions to our care during the next few weeks. If you, or your church, know children or families who need our help, suggest that they call us at 922-2242, or by writing: The Baptist Children's Village; ATTENTION: Social Service Department; P.O. Box 11308, Jackson, Miss., 39213-0308. We want to help!

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Growing in the life God has given

By Vernon L. Sikes, Yazoo City
2 Peter 1:1-21

Any dedicated teacher can relate to how Peter felt. What would the people do while he was away? Would all his teaching be forgotten and undone? The early Christians were being subjected to the teachings of Gnosticism. Somehow he had to get them to be independently steadfast in their Christian faith.

I. Salutation (1:1-2)

Peter wished for his readers a knowledge of God (v.2). He had reference not to an intellectual knowledge, but rather, to a personal knowledge that is marked by an intimate and personal acquaintance with Christ—the kind of knowledge that comes only after a great deal of interaction between man and God; a day by day walk with him.

II. Knowledge which transforms (1:3-4)

"The longer I serve him, the sweeter he grows." The lyrics to that lovely song pretty well sum up what Peter had in mind regarding true knowledge of God as opposed to the false knowledge of Gnosticism. The Gnostics believed that salvation had no bearing on the way a person lived. They believed that salvation was totally spiritual. Peter advocated that true knowledge of Christ involves the total person, both spiritual and physical.

Through this true knowledge, God supplies our every need and he gives us godliness—the acceptable kind of life. "Great and precious promises" are in store for those with true knowledge (v. 4). God enables us to partake of his very nature. We can actu-

ally enter into the possession of the spiritual nature of God, thus enabling us to avoid any temptation that the world of evil and corruption can put in our way.

III. Living the life of true knowledge (1:5-11)

As the Christian receives the divine nature of God, he has a responsibility of making alterations in his lifestyle. Peter listed the desirable qualities that should make up the Christian life is ascending order (vv. 5-7): faith (the foundation), virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, and above all, brotherly kindness and charity (the zenith). Each quality builds upon and fortifies the other.

Not all Christians possess those qualities. According to Peter, that person's life is empty, and he is a victim of spiritual nearsightedness. He can no longer remember having been cleansed of sin. He is stagnant—unable to see his responsibility of climbing the virtue ladder of which Peter spoke.

Rather than living that sort of life, Peter urged the Christians to confirm God's calling by righteous living. Our reward will be the entrance in the eternal kingdom of our Lord (v. 11).

IV. Peter's motive for assuring (1:12-15)

Without a doubt, Peter's main reason for writing of this assurance was simply that it was the correct thing for him to do (v. 13). Too, he was motivated by the fact that the end of his life was near as he said in verse 14, "... shortly I must put off

this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me." He hoped that the memory of what he had written to them would stay with them long after he was dead (v. 15).

V. Peter's method of assuring (1:16-21)

Above all, 2 Peter is a letter which seeks to recall men to a belief in Christ's second coming. It is precisely that motivation that Peter used in leading the Christians. He spoke with authority because he had already witnessed some of the grandeur of that future life through his presence at Christ's transfiguration. He had heard God's approval and wanted the Christians to know that this was not a fabricated story.

Christians are to take heed of the "word of prophecy" as it shines as a lamp in a world of darkness (v. 19), but it will be replaced by the "day star" (Christ) who will put an end to the earth's darkness (evil).

Peter shifted to his motive for believing in the prophecies of the Old Testament (vv. 20-21). Just as the Holy Spirit moved men in the writing of the Scriptures, so men must be aided by the Holy Spirit in his understanding of them. His message was firmly based upon guidance from God.

Peter was confident in his future with God, but as is indicative of the highest level of Christian maturity, his love for his brothers in Christ caused him much concern. Would they remember his teachings when he was gone?

Obstacles no barrier for growing faith

By Phyllis Harper

Note: The following article is reprinted from the **Tupelo Daily Journal**. It was published there about three years ago. The Lees and their daughter, Lorinda, now live in Tupelo and are members of First Baptist Church. Lee, who has begun a ministry through writing, is one of three writers of Sunday School lesson commentaries for the **Baptist Record**, July-December of this year. Also he teaches the Couples Class in an adult department (ages 38-46) at First, Tupelo. He does the teaching by writing out the lessons. On some occasions, another reads from his notes; in some instances, the class members read his lips.

Bobby and Carolyn Lee remain undaunted in spirit, cheerful and determined to serve the Lord and their fellowmen despite obstacles that would have overwhelmed many.

At different times in the past five years, both husband and wife heard the dreaded diagnosis: "You have cancer."

Mrs. Lee had choriocarcinoma, a type so rare that diagnosis wasn't made for a year after she started having symptoms.

Lee had a more common cancer of the larynx, but one which seldom strikes patients younger than age 60 or 70, and especially those like himself who never smoked nor drank.

She has recovered fully. He's still recuperating from surgery that successfully removed all signs of the cancer, but left him unable to speak because of the laryngectomy. He writes on a child's magic slate.

Lee is a Baptist minister, former pastor at Center Hill, "a beautiful, small country church in the hills of Pontotoc County."

Lee admits that he doesn't know what the future holds, but he knows the Lord still has work for him to do.

"We really believe God has greater things for both of us," explained Mrs. Lee. "My life has been different, so much greater" since her bout with cancer.

There's a framed needlework copy of Romans 8:28 hanging prominently in the Lee home: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose."

Mrs. Lee's cancer was diagnosed in 1977 after a year of "losing weight, when I was always tired, nauseated," she recalled. "I had started feeling like I was a hypochondriac, always going to the doctor and never finding anything wrong with me."

After diagnosis by her family doctor, she went to the Comprehensive Cancer Center in Birmingham for chemotherapy treatment and had surgery there four times.

She likes the term cured. "That's what my doctors call it, and I like the way it sounds," she said. She's been free of symptoms since 1979.

The cure came after months of surgery and "traumatic" treatment

with powerful drugs. The first surgeries were unsuccessful, she said, and "only one other treatment was available, one that many patients didn't make it through."

The chemotherapy program had to be discontinued after doctors discovered damage to Mrs. Lee's kidneys as a result of the drugs. She then had exploratory surgery that removed a tumor.

In May 1979 the word came: remission. Mrs. Lee started to work with "Make Today Count," a group affiliated with the Lee County chapter of the American Cancer Society. Along with other volunteers she visited cancer patients, offering encouragement and understanding.

Then her husband's cancer was diagnosed and he had surgery, successful in that it got all the cancer. He had "a lot of complications, however, and had to go back to the hospital, where he stayed from Thanksgiving through Feb. 4."

Mrs. Lee said it was harder in the beginning for her to accept her husband's cancer than her own. He accepted it well.

Lee wrote that it didn't bother him when he learned about his disease, that his was one of peaceful acceptance.

He admitted that the greatest difficulty has been the inability to speak, to communicate readily.

Mrs. Lee said she's "had no pity parties after accepting Bobby's illness. I did some with mine, I'll admit. But I know that all this was filtered through God's love."

"There are so many dear Christian people all over the area—the people, the prayers—it has really strengthened our faith," she said.

Lee sums up his feelings succinctly in neat lettering on his magic slate: "I had allowed myself to want to be served. Now I can see that I need to do more serving and giving to others in need of help."

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Life and Work

The body of Christ

By Charles E. Myers, Jackson, Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

We often refer to the church as the "Body of Christ" without giving much attention to what we are saying. If we really believed the church is that, we would in most cases treat it far differently from what we now do.

If the church is a body, there is a unity in it. That is the main emphasis Paul has in the first seven verses of this chapter. He reminds them that his devotion to Christ has led to his imprisonment and then calls them to join him in humility in keeping a spirit of unity in the church. In reality there is nothing basic which should divide. There is only one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one baptism, and one God. These are the essentials of their life. There is no competition in this area. Since all of them are united in the oneness of these things, they must be united in each other.

What was true then is true now. The unity of a church is found in its relationship to God. There is only one God and he cannot be divided. When there are divisions in the church the reasons for those divisions are always human. People argue and divide over little things of no consequence. As a rule personalities are involved. They never divide over God or a truth related to him. As long as the people in the church keep close to

God and remember that he is God, there will be unity. As sure as they move away from God and center their thinking on lesser things, there will be divisions.

Unity in a church is not based upon uniformity. It is based upon a united acceptance of God. The unity is spiritual. In the midst of that unity there is a diversity. There is diversity because the church is made up of different kinds of people. The body of man is made up of diverse parts, yet these parts are united in one body. The church, the body of Christ, is made up of diverse parts. Paul said some were apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors, some teachers. All of these were to be used to help people grow spiritually unto a full maturity. Each was to serve in his own place in his own way. All had a common purpose. The people in the church were to be nurtured until they were full grown spiritually and would not be easily swayed and drawn away. But Paul recognized their diversity but reminded them it existed for the purpose of building unity.

There is a great deal of diversity in our churches today and great diversity among churches themselves. This is as it ought to be because our whole society is so diverse. Our problems come when we glory in our di-

versity, letting it become a divisive spirit rather than working toward unity. We often forget the basic purpose of the church, letting our special interests take precedence over the spiritual growth of the members.

Paul said our purpose as Christians in the church is to "grow up in all things, into him who is the head, even Christ." And every one of us in his own way is to contribute to the total growth of each in the likeness of Christ. We are like a human body. Each of us is different like the parts of the body. Each has his own function and what he does affects the whole body.

As long as we function within the will of him who is the head, the body will function properly and accomplish its purpose. When one of us determines to go his own way glorying in our diversity, without regard for welfare of the whole or concern for the head, we can help destroy the body.

If we act selfishly, we destroy. If we act in the spirit of Christ, we help build up. No one can force us to act either way. We determine that as individuals. Our need is to respect our diversities, remember our purpose of helping each grow up in Christ, and determine that our part of the body will function in keeping with the will of him who is our head, even Christ.

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